

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 8 on page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The octenylsuccinic acid modified starch preferably comprises about 0.25 to about 3.0% more preferably about 0.75 to about 1.5% by weight of the liquid beverage component. Suitable octenylsuccinate acid modified starch include those available from National Starch under the trade names Purity 2000, Purity 1773, Purity 539 and N-Creamer 46. A particularly preferred octenylsuccinic acid modified starch is available commercially from National Starch under the trade name N-Creamer 46.